

# VESPERS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGY OF THE HOURS / EVENING PRAYER

*Please stand and make the Sign of the Cross as the priest (or cantor) intones "O God, come to my assistance." Bow at "Glory to the Father...Holy Spirit"*



## HYMN

## *Creator of the Stars of Night*

*Saint Michael Hymnal, #497*

Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe,  
You came, O Savior, to set free  
Your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night,  
You came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child  
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
From all assaults of our dread foe.

To God Creator, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## PSALMODY

*Psalm verses are sung antiphonally between the cantor (I) and all (II).*

### ANTIPHON 1



**T**he Lord will come on the clouds of heaven with great



power and might, al-le-lu-ia.

### PSALM 110:1-5,7



- I The LORD's revelation to my Master; | "Sit on my right: \*  
your foes I will | put beneath your feet."
- II The LORD will wield from Zion your | scepter of power: \*  
rule in the | midst of all your foes.
- I A prince from the day of your † birth  
on the | holy mountains; \*  
from the womb before the dawn | I begot you.
- II The LORD has sworn an oath he will not † change  
"You are a | priest for ever, \*  
A priest like Mel- | chizedek of old."
- I The Master standing | at your right hand \*  
will shatter kings in the | day of his great wrath.

II He shall drink from the | stream *by* the wayside. \*  
and therefore he shall | lift up his head.

*Bow at "Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit."*

I Glory to the | Fa-*ther*, and to the Son, \*  
and to the | Holy Spir-it:

II as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, \*  
and will be for- | ever. A-men.

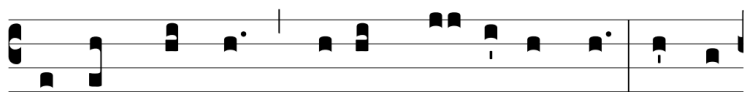


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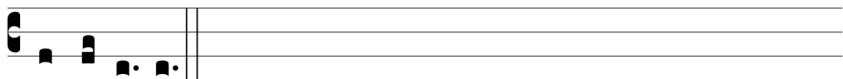
#### ANTIPHON 2



**T** he Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he

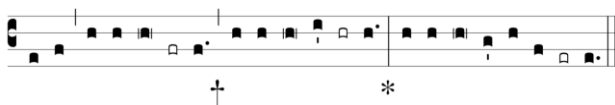


seems to de-lay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come,



al-le-lu-ia.

# PSALM 115

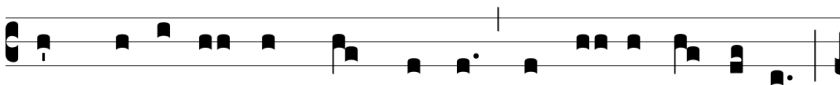


- I *Not to us, LORD, | not to us, \**  
     but to your name | give the glory
- II for the sake of your love and | your truth, \*  
     lest the heathen say: | “Where is their God?”
- I But our God is in the | heavens; \*  
     he does what- | ever he wills.
- II Their idols are silver | and gold, \*  
     the | work of hu-man hands.
- I They have mouths but they | can-not speak; \*  
     they have eyes | but they can-not see;
- II they have ears but they | can-not hear; \*  
     they have nostrils | but they can-not smell.
- I With their hands they can-†not feel;  
     with their feet they | can-not walk. \*  
     No sound | comes from their throats.
- II Their makers will come to be | like them \*  
     and so will | all who trust in them.
- I Sons of Israel, trust | in the LORD; \*  
     he is their | help and their shield.
- II Sons of Aaron, trust | in the LORD; \*  
     he is their | help and their shield.
- I You who fear him, trust | in the LORD; \*  
     he is their | help and their shield.
- II He remembers us, and he will bless † us;  
     he will bless the sons of | Is-ra-el. \*  
     He will bless the | sons of Aaron.

- I The LORD will bless those who | fear him, \*  
the little no | less than the great:
- II to you may the LORD grant | increase, \*  
to you and | all your children.
- I May you be blessed | by *the* LORD, \*  
the maker of | heaven and earth.
- II The heavens belong | to *the* LORD, \*  
but the earth he has | given to men.
- I The dead shall not | praise *the* LORD, \*  
nor those who go down in- | to the silence.
- II But we who live | bless *the* LORD \*  
now and for | ever. Amen.
- I Glory to the Father, and | to *the* Son, \*  
and to the | Holy Spirit:
- II as it was in the beginning, | is now, \*  
and will be for- | ever. Amen.

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he Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he



seems to de-lay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come,



al-le-lu-ia.

ANTIPHON 3



**T**he Lord our king and law-gi-ver will come to save us.

CANTICLE: REVELATION 19:1-7



I Salvation, glory, and power to our | God:



II his judgments are honest and | true.



I Sing praise to our God, all you his ser- | vants,

*All* **Alleluia.**

II all who worship him reverently, great and | small.

*All* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

I The LORD our all-powerful God is | King;

*All* **Alleluia.**

II let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glo- | ry.

*All* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

I The wedding feast of the Lamb has be- | gun,

All **Alleluia.**

II and his bride is prepared to welcome | him.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

I Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spi- | rit.

All **Alleluia.**

II As it was in the beginning, is now,  
And will be for ever. A- | men.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**



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## READING

*Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

## RESPONSORY

**L** ord, show us your mercy and love. **Lord, show**

us your mercy and love. And grant us your salvation

your mercy and love. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the

Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir- it. **Lord, show us your mercy**

and love.

*Please stand.*

# MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

## ANTIPHON: CANTICLE OF MARY

B

lessed are you, O Virgin Ma-ry, for your great faith;

all that the Lord pro-mised you will come to pass through

you, al-le-lu-ia.

*Make the sign of the cross as all sing "My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD."*

*all: My soul proclaims the greatness | of the LORD. \**  
my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior.

*For he* has looked with favor on his lowly | servant. \*  
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

*The Al-mighty* has done great | things for me, \*  
and | Holy is *his* Name.

*He has* mercy on those who | fear him \*  
in every | generation.

*He has* shown the strength | of *his* arm, \*  
He has scattered the | proud in their *con*-ceit.

*He has* cast down the mighty | from *their* thrones, \*  
and has lifted | up the lowly.

*He has* filled the hungry with | good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent | away empty.

*He has* come to the help of his servant | Is-ra-el \*  
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of mercy,

*The pro-mise* he made to our | fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren for ever.

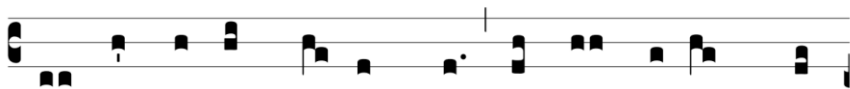
*Glory* to the Father, and | to *the* Son, \*  
and to the | Holy Spirit:

*As it* was in the beginning, | is now, \*  
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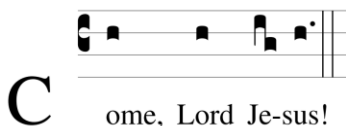
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## INTERCESSIONS

To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray with joyful hearts:



Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation, you revealed your glory to the world,  
—give us new life by your coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

You have taken our weakness upon yourself,  
—grant us your mercy.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,  
—free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

You live and rule over all,  
—in your goodness bring us to our eternal inheritance.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

You sit at the right hand of the Father,  
—gladden the souls of the dead with your light.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

## OUR FATHER

**O** ur Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy  
Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it  
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

## PRAYER

God of power and mercy,  
open our hearts in welcome.  
Remove the things that hinder us  
from receiving Christ with joy,  
so that we may share his wisdom and become with him  
when he comes in glory,  
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

# BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

## HYMN

*Tantum Ergo*

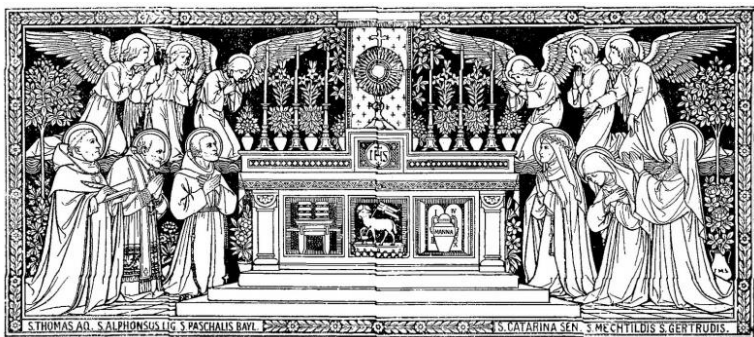
*Saint Michael Hymnal, #706, v.5 and 6*

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum  
Venerémur cernui:  
Et antíquum documéntum  
Novo cedat rítui:  
Præstet fides suppléméntum  
Sensuum deféctui.

Genitòri, Genitòque  
Laus et jubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedíctio:  
Procedénti ab utròque  
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! The sacred Host we hail!  
Over ancient forms departing,  
Newer rites of grace prevail  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son who reigns on high,  
With the Holy Ghost proceeding  
Forth from Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen.



Panem de cælo præstitísti eis.  
**Omne delectaméntum in se  
habéntem.**

You have given them bread from  
heaven.  
**Having all sweetness within it.**

Orémus: Deus, qui nobis sub  
Sacraménto                      mirábili  
passiónis tuæ memóriam  
reliquisti: tríbue quæsumus,  
ita nos còrporis et sánguinis  
tui sacra mystéria venerári; ut  
redemptiònis tuæ fructum in  
nobis júgiter sentiámus. Qui  
vivis et regnas in sæcula  
sæculòrum. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the  
Eucharist as the memorial of Your  
suffering and death. May our  
worship of this Sacrament of Your  
Body and Blood help us to  
experience the salvation You won  
for us and the peace of the  
Kingdom where You live with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The celebrant then blesses the people with Our Lord in the Most Blessed  
Sacrament.*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God, in His angels, and in His saints.

May the heart of Jesus, in the most blessed sacrament, be praised,  
adored, and loved, with grateful affection at every moment in all the  
tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.

*Please stand.*

## REPOSITION

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

*Saint Michael Hymnal, #561*

Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign

Hark! The loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising,  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
“Holy, holy, holy Lord.”

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit. Three we name thee;  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim thee;  
And adoring, bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.